

# Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

March 5, 2008

Item Number 2b

## Release of Draft 2009 TIP and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Finding on the Draft 2009 TIP

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**Subject:** Release of the Draft 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Finding on the 2009 TIP for public review and comment.

**Background:** The federally required TIP is a comprehensive listing of all Bay Area transportation projects that receive federal funds or that are subject to a federally required action or are regionally significant for air quality conformity purposes. The 2009 TIP was produced as part of Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA). As such, MTC has taken the necessary steps to meet new requirements implemented as part of SAFETEA.

All projects included in the TIP must be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and must be analyzed to determine if the program complies or “conforms” with federal air quality plans (known as the State Implementation Plan or SIP) and regulations. The TIP must be financially constrained by year, and include an overall financial summary.

MTC is currently developing the 2009 TIP, which includes both a financial constraint analysis and an air quality conformity determination. Since the 2009 TIP does not include any new regionally significant projects beyond those included in the Transportation 2030 Plan, the conformity rule allows MTC to rely on the previous regional emissions analysis for the conformity determination. MTC will use the latest conformity analysis for the 2007 TIP/Amendment #07-18 as the basis for the conformity determination for the 2009 TIP.

Both draft documents will be released for a public review and comment period beginning on March 28, 2008 and ending on May 1, 2008, and will be available on the internet at: <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/tip/>. A public hearing on the documents will be held at the Programming and Allocations Committee meeting on April 9, 2008. The final document will be presented for approval at the May 28, 2008 Commission meeting. The 2009 TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis are due to Federal and State reviewing agencies by August 1, 2008. Key dates leading up to adoption and approval of the 2009 TIP are included in the attachment.

**Issues:** None.

**Recommendation:** MTC staff recommends the Committee authorize the release of the Draft 2009 TIP and the Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis on the 2009 TIP on March 28, 2008 for public review and comment, and authorize a public hearing to be held on April 9, 2008 at the Committee meeting.

**Attachment:** 2009 TIP Development Schedule

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2009 TIP Development Schedule**

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Fri., Jan. 11, 2008	2007 TIP Locked Down – Start of 2009 TIP Development
Mon., Jan. 28, 2008	Start of project review and update by project sponsors and CMAs
Thurs., Feb. 14, 2008	Completion of project review by project sponsors and CMAs
Mon., Feb., 27, 2008	Air Quality Conformity Task Force (AQCTF) - Review of New Non-Exempt 2009 TIP project list and conformity approach
Mid March, 2008	AQCTF - Review of draft air quality conformity analysis
Fri. Mar., 28, 2008	Begin of Public Review Period for 2009 TIP and Conformity Analysis
Wed., Apr 9, 2008	Public Hearing on Draft TIP and AQ Conformity Analysis – April PAC Meeting
Thurs., May 1, 2008	End of Public Review Period for Draft TIP and AQ Conformity Analysis
Early May 2008	AQCTF – Review of final draft air quality conformity analysis
Mon. May 12, 2008	Final Draft 2009 TIP & AQ Conformity complete / Response to comments available
Wed., May 14, 2008	PAC review of 2009 TIP and Final AQ Conformity analysis and referral to Commission
Wed., May 28, 2008	Final 2009 TIP and Final Air Quality Conformity Analysis approved by Commission
Fri., May 30, 2008	2009 TIP submitted to Caltrans / AQ Conformity Analysis submitted to FHWA/FTA
Sep/Oct, 2008	Caltrans Review and Approval of FSTIP
Nov. 2008	Final 2009 FSTIP Submitted to FHWA/FTA
Dec. 2008	Final 2009 FSTIP approved by FHWA/FTA